

Creating Winning Organizations with Fund-Raising Opportunities



CERI, KRISP & SACEMA Monthly Fund-Raising Meeting: 2 June 2025

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CERI's Vision on Fundraising

To become an organization that value funding raising and career development at every stage.

An organization that generate the most impactful results and best scientists in Africa.

Why? How? What?

Why? Science funding is changing. It is rapidly changing. The time of large funding and dependence of a single principal investigator (PI) or funder is ending.

How? We are developing organizations where funding raising and career development is part of the culture and part of our DNA.

What? We help by identifying opportunities and providing grants management and grant writing expertise to advance individual careers and create winning organizations.

Simple messages to fund-raising:

- **Find the right funder for your stage of your career (right fit)**
- **Be responsive to funding request and follow the instructions**
- **Work on strengthening your CV by embracing all training / travel / networking opportunities and publish your research**
- **Have a good mentor / supervisor interested in helping you advance your career**
- **Allow enough time to write and edit your grant**
- **Never early to start**
- **Be persistent**

Simple messages:

- **Ensure alignment of project and funder scope**
 - **be responsive to funder/proposal**
 - **get an idea of how the proposal will be marked (reverse engineer success)**
- **Ensure appropriate Eligibility**
- **Ensure appropriate Track Record**
- **Ensure value-added Team**
- **Ensure sufficient time to complete your application**
- **Ensure your grant is structured logically and succinctly (think like a tired reviewer)**
- **Ensure grant is formatted correctly to avoid submission errors**
- **Get feedback!!**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_5Ngt-uQok



Pre-Award

Step 1- Find Funding

Before you can find a grant, you need information about available options and funding agencies. We have curated [a page with links for national and international funders](#). In addition, we also generate a monthly Funding Opportunities bulletin and provide an email list on funding information for potential PIs at KRISP and other departments at UKZN.

Step 2- Prepare Proposal

Our Pre-Award support services strive to facilitate the proposal process for external funding to KRISP, UKZN APACHE research community and collaborators, providing assistance to administrators, faculty and staff in preparing, reviewing, approving and submitting competitive proposals for all funding agencies.

To submit a proposal request, please contact one of KRISP senior grants managers: [Mrs Gugulethu Mkhize](#) and/or [Mrs Suzette Grobler](#). You are also welcome to contact the UKZN Research office grants managers or contact your preferred research center College.

All proposals that need an institutional approval must be reviewed before submission to a funding agency. The first step in the proposal is to fill [Form 1 from UKZN](#), which needs to be completed and fully signed by both Head of School and College Dean of Research.

Step 3- Submission of Proposal

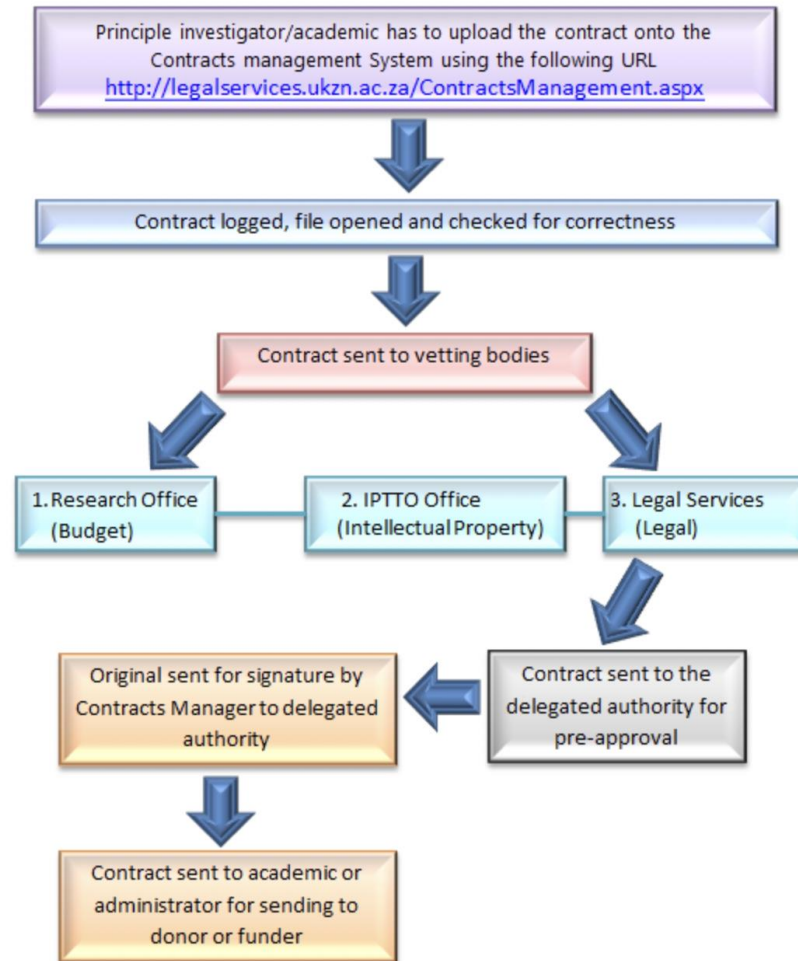
Our pre-Award team will assist with all hard copy and electronic submissions. This involves the following steps:

3A) The proposal, budget and supporting documentation are checked for completeness by one of KRISP senior grants managers: [Mrs Gugulethu Mkhize](#) and/or [Mrs Suzette Grobler](#) or by the grants manager at the UKZN Research Office or specific College.

Post-Award

Step 1 - Award Acceptance & Compliance Consideration

Acceptance of all sponsored project terms and conditions will be provided by the authorised signatory. At UKZN (and KRISP as KRISP is part of UKZN), the process need to be followed with the legal department. Below the work flow process for research contracts.



Step 2 - Award Set-up

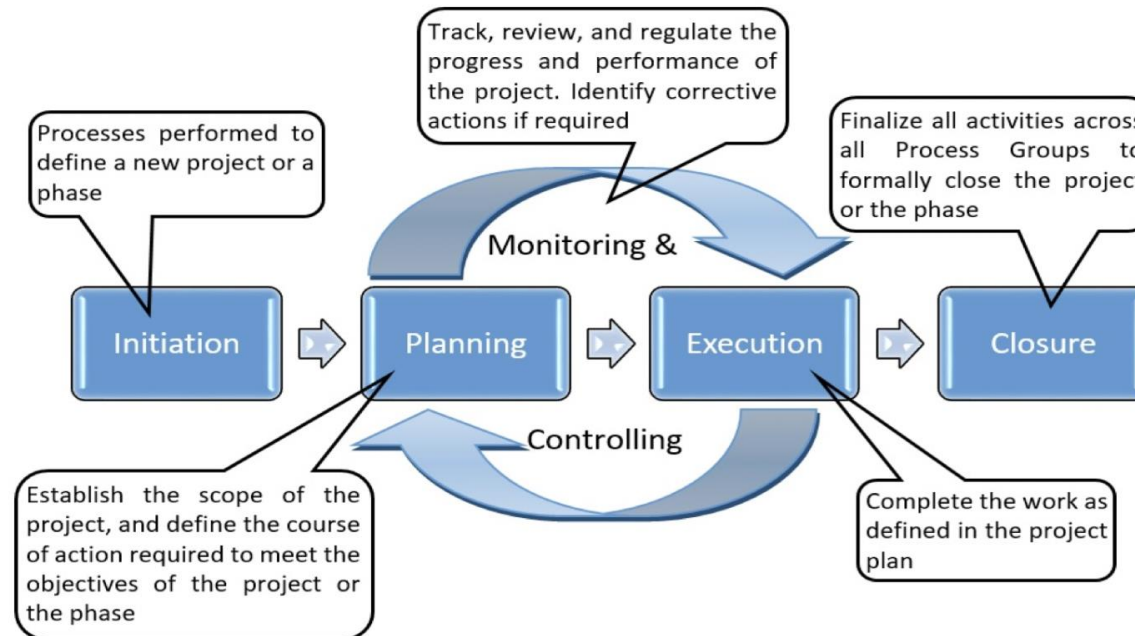
Once contract has been finalized and all parts have signed (see previous diagram). The PI need to apply for opening a cost centre. [Details of the process and forms are found here.](#)

The next step involves UKZN invoicing the funder. After funder pay UKZN, the funds need to be allocated to the cost centre in the appropriate line budgets.

Step 3 - Monitoring Finances

Project and management control are important steps to produce a successful project. It involves an ongoing process of planning, monitoring, executing and controlling. It involves financial management as well scientific progress management.

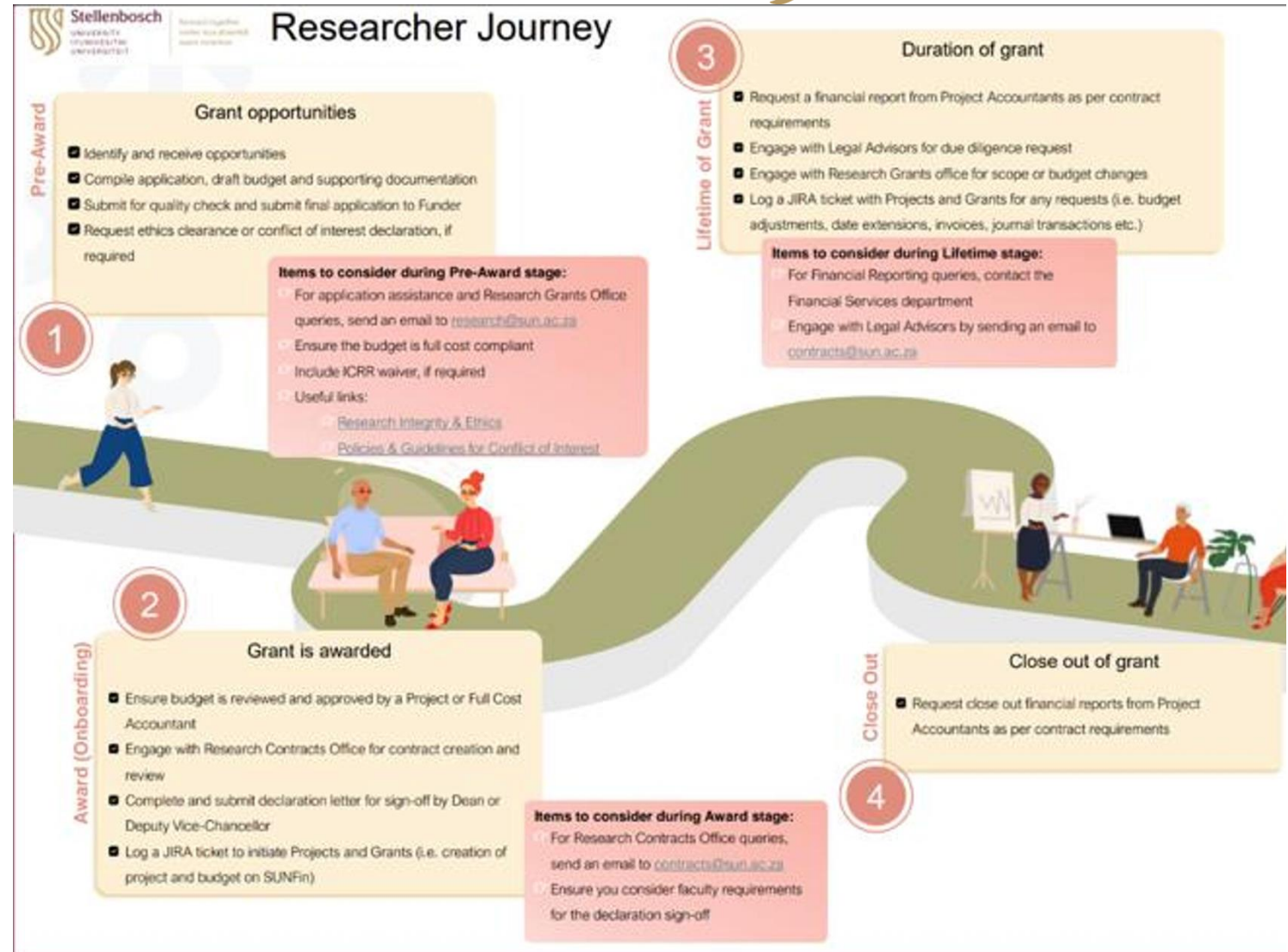
At KRISP, we suggest that this process is performed as part of **two monthly meetings**. This is: Monthly Financial Meeting between the PI, the operational manager, the procurement representative and the financial group of the Research Office (for financial management). The Monthly Scientific Progress Meeting between the PI and the scientific grants manager. Below a diagram of the process.



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• <https://online.fliphtml5.com/cvapr/jztl/>

Grant funding update: Jan - Dec 2024

Grants completed: 3 + 7 (NIH & UNAIDS discontinued)

New Grants awarded: 15





Stanford University



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>17 Funding Opportunities
by 17 funders!



Grant opportunities

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- **Eligibility**
 - SU doctoral students who graduated in December 2024 or March 2025
 - No age limit
- **Value**
 - R70,000, tax-free for six months.
 - Mandatory top-up of R30,000 from the host (supervisor)
 - Hosts can top up R70,000, (maximum R170,000)
 - Extension up to 3 months is possible (funded by Host)
- **Deadline**
 - 12 May 2025
- **For more information:**
 - <https://forms.office.com/r/QARjvxFMue>

Grant opportunities

2. The Michelson Prizes: Next Generation Grants



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- **Eligibility**
 - Early-career investigators / Postdoctoral fellows / Clinical fellows / Doctoral students
 - < 35 years on June 22, 2025 (born June 23, 1989, or later)
- **Value**
 - Salary (\$150, 000), Equipment / Consumable supplies (\$15, 000), Travel to scientific meetings (\$1, 500)
 - *No indirect cost allowed*
- **Deadline**
 - 9 June 2025 at 16h00 (SU internal deadline) / 23 June 2025 05:59 AM (SAST)
- **For more information:**
 - <https://michelsonprizes.smapply.org/>

Grant opportunities

3. ACU Early Career Conference Grants



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- **Eligibility**
 - Emerging academics employed at ACU member organisations (Stellenbosch University qualifies) to support attendance at a conference
- **Value**
 - Up to £2,000 to cover Conference registration fee, Flights, Accommodation. Visa costs, Travel and health insurance
- **Deadline**
 - 26-Jun-26
- **For more information:**
 - <https://www.acu.ac.uk/funding-opportunities/for-university-staff/grants/early-career-grants/>



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4. L'Oréal- UNESCO For Women in Science (FWIS) International Awards



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- **Eligibility**
 - Candidate must be recognised for her personal scientific excellence by the international scientific community within the specified field(s) (number, quality and impact of publications, conference presentations and patents)
 - Nominations must be submitted in writing by an eminent scientists from anywhere in the world.
- **Value**
 - €100,000
- **Deadline**
 - 4 July 2025
- **For more information:**
 - <https://opportunity.myresearchconnect.com/News/View/GRUKRES!N27141>

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5. Fondation Mérieux Grant Programme



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- **Eligibility**
 - Projects must focus on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, hepatitis, neglected tropical diseases and other infectious diseases representing significant public health issues. They must be based on a local needs assessment.
- **Value**
 - Up to €5,000
- **Deadline**
 - 1 August 2025
- **For more information:**
 - <https://opportunity.myresearchconnect.com/News/View/GRUKRES!N27115>

Grant opportunities

6. Marie Skłodowska- Curie Actions - Postdoctoral Fellowships 2025



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- **Eligibility**
 - Have a PhD degree at the time of the deadline
- **Value**
 - Up to Euro 6,700 per month* for 1 - 2 years
- **Deadline**
 - 10 September 2025
- **For more information:**
 - <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-MSCA-2025-PF-01-01>
 - [*Guide for applicants MSCA PF 2025*](#) and other useful documents.

Grant opportunities

7. UKRI-MRC (Med Research Council)



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- **Eligibility**
 - various grant opportunities
- **Value**
 - variable
- **Deadline**
 - variable
- **For more information**
 - <https://www.ukri.org/opportunities/>



The screenshot shows the 'Funding finder' interface. On the left, there is a search box with the label 'Search' and a 'Search term' input field. Below it is a 'Funding council' dropdown menu. On the right, there are three sorting options: 'Sorted by publication date (newest first)' (highlighted in purple), 'Sort by opening date (oldest to newest)', and 'Sort by closing date (oldest to newest)'.

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8. ACU Fellowships



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- **Eligibility**
 - Fellowships for academic and professional staff of member universities in any country to promote the exchange of knowledge, skills, and ideas between members.
 - Research visits for up to 6 months to an ACU member university in a different country
- **Value**
 - Up to 5,000 GBP per fellowship (Required to complete a report)
- **Deadline**
 - 26 June 2025
- **For more information:**
 - <https://www.acu.ac.uk/funding-opportunities/for-university-staff/fellowships/acu-fellowships/>



Grant opportunities

**9. Research
Catalyzer Award
Funding: SU/NU
Global Health
Knowledge Hub**



Northwestern
University

Grant opportunities

9. Research Catalyzer Award Funding: SU/NU Global Health Knowledge Hub



- **Eligibility**
 - Full-time Northwestern University faculty, Member of the Robert J. Havey, MD Institute for Global Health
 - Project must have a significant component based in a LMIC
 - For SU/NU Global Health Knowledge Hub applicants: must be partnered with Stellenbosch University faculty
- **Value**
 - Up to \$25,000 total (including subcontractor costs)
- **Deadline**
 - 1 June 2025
- **For more information:**
 - <https://www.globalhealth.northwestern.edu/funding/internal-research/research-catalyzer-funding.html>

Grant opportunities

**10. 2025/26
AREF Research
Development
Fellowship
Programme**



Grant opportunities

10. 2025/26 AREF Research Development Fellowship Programme



- **Eligibility**
 - African researchers who are emerging leaders and working on important challenges for human health, to develop their skills as a researcher
- **Value**
 - A 3 to 9-month placement at a leading research institution in the UK, Europe or Africa, with additional support at your home institution before and after the placement. Up to £47,000 available
- **Deadline**
 - 27 June 2025
- **For more information:**
 - <https://africaresearchexcellencefund.org.uk/funding-calls/research-development-fellowship-2025-26/>

Grant opportunities

11. DSI-NRF Postgraduate student funding



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- **Eligibility**
 - Minimum academic requirement 65%. Awarded to SA citizens and permanent residents who are either financially needy or living with a disability, or exceptional academic achievers
- **Value**
 - various
- **Deadline**
 - 04 July 2025 but must be submitted via university
- **For more information:**
 - <https://www.nrf.ac.za/funding/nrf-call-for-proposals-for-funding-in-2025-and-2026/>
 - [Must apply through NRF Connect Portal: https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za/](https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za/)
 - Are multiple opportunities for postdoctoral funding (SARChI 5-year, infrastructure grants, global knowledge partnerships, Thuthuka)

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12. Next Generation Leaders in Bioscience



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- **Eligibility**
 - PhD and/or MD in a relevant field
 - Assistant Professor (or equivalent) position started on or after 1 May 2023, or
 - Late-stage postdoc actively seeking faculty role
- **Value**
 - Mentorship programme
 - 3-year non-residential appointment. Participants engage with scientific teams and institutional programs
- **Deadline**
 - 03 June 2025
- **For more information:**
 - <https://alleninstitute.org/about/people/next-generation-leaders/>



Grant opportunities

13. Planetary Health Post- Doctoral Fellowship

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Grant opportunities

13. Planetary Health Post-Doctoral Fellowship



- **Eligibility**
 - Fellowships to support early career researchers conducting mentored research on human and planetary health challenges and developing solutions for a healthier future.
- **Value**
 - 3-year non-residential appointment.
 - Competitive postdoctoral salary, full benefits, and modest travel and fieldwork budgets
- **Deadline**
 - 20 June 2025
- **For more information:**
 - <https://globalhealth.stanford.edu/programs/post-doctoral-fellowship-in-planetary-health/>

Grant opportunities

**14. 2025 Horizon
Europe 'Health'
calls for
proposals**



Grant opportunities

14. 2025 Horizon Europe 'Health' calls for proposals



- **Eligibility**
 - Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment
- **Value**
 - Various calls
 - Leveraging artificial intelligence for pandemic preparedness and response - 6-8 million Euros (will possibly fund 5)
- **Deadline**
 - June / September 2025
- **For more information:**
 - https://hadea.ec.europa.eu/news/2025-horizon-europe-health-calls-proposals-2025-05-22_en

Grant opportunities

15. Wellcome Early-Career Awards



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- **Eligibility**
 - Early-career researchers from any discipline who are ready to develop their research identity
- **Value**
 - Salary and up to £400,000 for research expenses
- **Deadline**
 - 30 September 2025 (Three times a year)
- **For more information:**
 - <https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/wellcome-early-career-awards>

Grant opportunities

16. Gates Foundation: Women's Health Innovation



Grant opportunities

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- **Eligibility**
 - Directly approach 6 institutions for a closed call
- **Value**
 - Open
- **Deadline**
 - 20 June 2025 (stage 1)
- **Focus**
 - Co-develop the curriculum and implementation of a one-year training program for individuals working in Women's Health

Grant opportunities

17. AfOx Visiting Fellowship Programme



Grant opportunities

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- **Eligibility**
 - Researchers affiliated with African universities or research institutions
 - Open to all academic disciplines
 - Must have an Oxford-based collaborator
 - Strong focus on equitable healthcare access in LMICs
- **Value**
 - 12-month fellowship: 10 months virtual + 2 months in-person at Oxford
 - Includes access to Oxford resources, collaborative opportunities, and support for research dissemination
- **Deadline**
 - June 6, 2025 at 11:59 AM (UK time)
- **Focus**
 - <https://www.afox.ox.ac.uk/africa-oxford-initiative>



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